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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Mamiko Miyanaga

Assignee: APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.

Title: VAPOR DEPOSITION EQUIPMENT AND METHOD OF CLEANING
SAME

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.143

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present communication is in response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2004, outlining the Examiner's restriction requirement between the following groups:

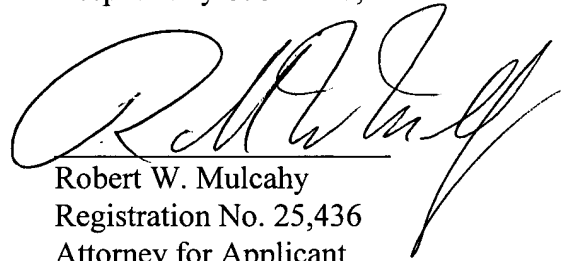
- I. Claims 1-6 drawn to a cleaning method for a vapor deposition apparatus, classified in class 134, subclass 1.
- II. Claims 7-13 drawn to a vapor deposition apparatus, classified in class 438, subclass 758.

In response to the Examiner's requirement of election of claims, Applicant's undersigned Attorney hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-6 drawn to a cleaning method for a vapor deposition apparatus, classified in class 134, subclass 1, for prosecution, with traverse.

Applicant's undersigned attorney invites any direct telephone communication from the Examiner to expedite prosecution of the subject Application.

Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this document. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1074.

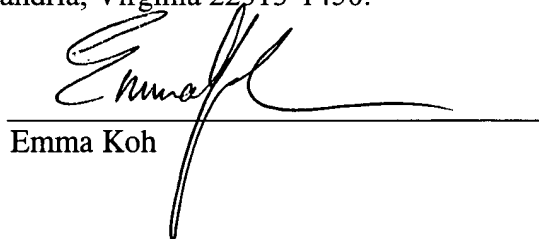
Respectfully Submitted,



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